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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MAY AS
"BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH".

WHEREAS, fourteen million Americans suffer speech,
language and hearing impairments that can limit academic
achievement, career advancement and social adjustment for those
who do not receive effective treatment; and

WHEREAS, these communication disorders can be present at
birth or can be caused through accidental injury or illness at
any age; and

WHEREAS, one in ten New Mexico families are affected by
this disorder and deserve access to quality treatment and every
opportunity to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, with the help of dedicated and skilled
professionals, most people with speech and language problems

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1 can find treatment, learn strategies to help them cope, live
2 more independently and achieve their potential; and

3 WHEREAS, speech-language pathologists and audiologists
4 treat all types of speech, language and related disorders and
5 work in a wide variety of health and education settings to help
6 improve the quality of treatment and the opportunity to lead
7 full and productive lives;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to designate
10 the month of May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month" in New
11 Mexico; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the governor and to the New Mexico speech-
14 language and hearing association.

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